

LOOKS BAD FOR HIM

The Evidence in the Sweeney Case Submitted.

HISTORY OF A WRETCHED CASE

How Sweeney is Alleged to Have Enticed the Girl to Her Room—Tempting With the Witnesses.

The Sweeney felonious assault case which has attracted a good deal of attention in the superior court, nearly at an end. The evidence closed at 1 o'clock yesterday and the prosecutor made his opening argument. The crime charged is a dastardly and contemptible one, and the friends of the accused are making almost superhuman efforts to clear him. Zwanitz Deles, a little nine-year-old girl, tells a damaging story of the felonious assault committed upon her by Sweeney September 26. She was on that day playing with the Decker children near the corner of Buckeye and Central streets. A man came along and offered her money to go with him in search of his horse. She accompanied him across the dummy track and into the tract of brush and undergrowth where the crime was committed. The man disappeared and she went to her home and told the story of the crime. The Herald heard the rumor, traced out all the details and published it exclusively on the morning of September 28.

The detectives went to work and two weeks after Sweeney was arrested on suspicion. The little girl was brought face to face with the prisoner and a man named Crossman, who bears a striking resemblance to him, and she pointed out Sweeney as the man. The Decker children have also identified him. As the evidence of children is not always to be relied upon the detectives kept at work on Sweeney's trail. They found that shortly before noon on the day of the crime he was at Furtz's saloon, near the boulevard, in company with John Workman. The latter was seen, and he stated that he separated from Sweeney shortly before noon and went home to dinner. He afterward went to Sweeney's house, arriving about 2 o'clock, and Sweeney had not yet arrived, but soon after came home. It was between the hours of 12 and 3 that the crime was committed. Heavy Williams, a colored man who lives on Wolcott avenue, near the city limits, reported that he passed Sweeney and the little girl going toward the brush and described her dress very accurately.

The above are the chief items of evidence against the accused. In addition Zwanitz Deles says that Mrs. Flynn, Sweeney's sister, offered her \$10 if she would refuse to identify the prisoner. The lady denies it, but says she offered to bet her \$10 that she was mistaken. It is claimed that money was also offered to Williams to stimulate his forgetfulness, and Mrs. Flynn admits that she held a long conference with him concerning the case. She denies offering him any money.

Young Workman has changed his mind considerably since he talked with the detective, and not a little since he testified in police court. Now he is positive that he was only separated from Sweeney for a few minutes, and says that he ate dinner at his house that day and played cards with him both before and after dinner. Mrs. Sweeney is in court with two small children, and she supports Workman's latest story. Some little girls who work in a brush factory next door, are also brought in to testify that they saw Sweeney playing cards with Workman about 2 o'clock that day. Two young girls, who accompanied Mrs. Flynn on her visit to Williams, were put on the stand to testify that Williams was not absolutely certain of the man's identity. The case has been obstinately contested from the start, but it will probably be submitted to the jury this morning.

ABRAHAM'S REVENGE

Mr. Levi Causes the Arrest of William Eichelsdorfer.

Two months ago Abraham Levy was arrested on complaint of William Eichelsdorfer, who alleged larceny. Mrs. K. Knudson and her husband rented a store on West Bridge street from Lilly Eichelsdorfer, wife of the complainant. Since the business was out and the fixtures to Levy in the presence and upon the advice of Eichelsdorfer. Levy moved the fixtures to his residence and Eichelsdorfer had him arrested for stealing them. In the police court Judge Haggerty swore several witnesses and then discharged the respondent, deciding that there was no cause for action. Since then the matter has rested until yesterday, when Eichelsdorfer, who lives in Grand Rapids township, was arrested on a capias issued out of the superior court, by Sheriff McQueen. Levy says in his petition that he was greatly scandalized by being arrested and locked in jail. He asks for \$5000 damages.

LIVING ON EXPECTANCY

Michael Collins Fined for Cruelty to Animals.

Michael Collins was tried in police court yesterday for cruelty to animals. Herman Agent Randolph testified that the barn in which Collins kept one cow and a horse was cold, and that the snow sifted through the cracks. Every time he visited the place there was nothing for the animals to eat, and he watered them only once every day. Collins said the barn was warm and that he was expecting a load of hay in a day or two. Judge Haggerty fined the respondent \$18.32, and he appealed to the superior court.

CLAIMS HE WAS SWINDLED

William Harrison Fines Himself Short of Lumber.

Suits have been begun in the Van Buren circuit court by William Harrison of this city, against Smith Bros. of Three Rivers. He prays that the court will cancel certain notes given by him to the defendants, amounting to \$15,000. They were given about one year ago in a transaction between the parties, in which the complainant purchased lumber standing on a tract of land in Van Buren county. It is alleged that Smith Bros. misrepresented the quantity of timber.

THE DONAHUE JAG

He Who Is in Somewhere Baby Cab and Get a Warm Place.

Timothy Donahue faced Judge Haggerty yesterday under suspicion of having stolen a baby carriage. He was wheeling the cab along the street at a fast hour in the night, and was so drunk that he couldn't respond where he got it, but was quite sure it did not

belong to him. Upon being asked as to whether he was guilty of larceny or not, he said he guessed he was, and took a sentence of thirty days in the county jail as if that was just what he was looking for.

TWO MEN SCARED

A Ring Man Tries to Work Commissioner Hatch.

Police Commissioner Hatch was standing on Monroe street the other night when a man approached him and asked if he wanted to buy a diamond ring for \$25. Without giving Mr. Hatch an opportunity to say anything in reply the fellow went on to explain the quality of the stone, saying it was all right and that any jeweler in the city would declare it genuine. The commissioner asked the vendor up and then said, "Come with me." He walked peacefully until a policeman was met, when Mr. Hatch told the officer to arrest the ring man. The latter would not do so until he learned the charge, and while he was talking, the man with the ring ran away.

Bogus Endorsement

In the circuit court yesterday the case brought by John Ziverbit against Joseph Groves. The suit involves \$300. The defendant is the well-known physician. The complainant claimed that the doctor borrowed the above amount from him while at Pierson, Mich., giving a note signed by two responsible parties. Those persons can not be found, and it is alleged that the signatures were not genuine. A verdict for \$147.20 was rendered in favor of the plaintiff.

Resisting an Attachment

In the circuit court about two months ago, Voigt, Herpolsheimer & Co. secured judgment for \$200 against Ida A. Mitchell, and levied on her home in Lowell. She asked for an injunction restraining the enforcement of the attachment. Yesterday she began a chancery suit in circuit court, asking that the cloud be removed from the title of her estate. The defendants claim that Mrs. Mitchell relinquished her claim to her homestead when she moved to this city.

He Favors a Second Term

George Drewyear was in police court yesterday on a charge of larceny. He was sentenced to jail a short time ago with the above charge still hanging over him. When his term expired the police were not present with a warrant and for a short period he enjoyed liberty. Detective Gates arrested him Wednesday night. He is alleged to have stolen a laprobe. He confessed his guilt and went to the county jail for thirty days.

Need for His Toll

Nicholas Pass objected to paying toll on the Canal street gravel road, and when the price was demanded he refused to pay. The collector would not let him go through, so he unbitched his team and left his wagon standing in the roadway. The penalty in such cases is \$10. The gravel road company sued for the penalty in the circuit court and secured a judgment for six cents and costs. Yesterday proceedings were stayed twenty days.

Pat Griffin's Wrath

Pat Griffin was arrested on Lyon street last night by Officer McCarthy for being disorderly. Griffin saw the patrolman and remembered that he had joined the force about the time of the strike. His indignation rose as he thought of the many things that had taken place. To ease his mind he applied insulting language to the policeman who ran him in.

Legalists Held for Trial

The examination of minor legalists on the charge of forgery and attempting to pass forged checks upon Paul V. Finch, was concluded in police court yesterday. The testimony of Nellie Harmon, bookkeeper for Ira Hatch, was read and signed. Judge Haggerty held the respondent for trial at the present term of the superior court.

Demands a Jury Trial

C. Sumner Burroughs was arrested yesterday for opening his opera house Sunday, January 3, and producing a play called "The Vendetta." Every complaint made heretofore has been defective. This one simply charges the defendant with being present. Burroughs demanded a jury trial, which was set for next Wednesday.

DeGraaf Denies It

G. Harry DeGraaf was arraigned in police court yesterday, charged with having criminally slandered Lieutenant of Police Hurley. He waived the reading of the complaint and pleaded not guilty. His trial was set for next Thursday.

Waived Examination

John W. Farrell, the saloonist arrested for selling liquor on a legal holiday, waived further examination in the police court yesterday and was held for trial at the next term of the superior court.

Sued for \$600

Hannah S. Bower has begun proceedings in the circuit court against Jessie C. Belden on a promissory note for \$600, which is secured by a mortgage on a parcel of land in Paris township.

Items from the Courts

Judge Adair has granted Lillian A. Purchase a decree of divorce from her husband, Delos Purchase, on the grounds of cruelty.

District Attorney Palmer went to Kalamazoo yesterday to investigate the case of Frank A. Butler, charged with robbing the liquor law.

It was expected that Robert Jackson, the negro who assaulted Jackie Van Durt, would be examined yesterday, but his attorney was engaged in the circuit court. The case was adjourned until January 9.

A warrant was sworn out yesterday for the arrest of Fred W. Church on a charge of larceny.

LAW AND LAWYERS

Circuit Court—Part I

JUDGE GROVE.

John Zwanitz vs. Joseph Zukackie.

Superior Court.

JUDGE BURLINGAME.

The People vs. Joseph Sweeney, felonious assault, on trial.

Probate Court.

CYRUS E. PERKINS, JUDGE.

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Estate of Barnard Cook, deceased; will admitted to probate and Johanna Cook appointed executrix.

Estate of Joel Williams, deceased; administrator's final account filed and allowed; administrator discharged.

Estate of Lizzie Kuppert, deceased; executor's first account filed.

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Estate of Job Gibbs, deceased; administrator's final account filed; hearing February 8.

Estate of Joseph F. Hayes, deceased; special administrator's final account filed; hearing February 8.

assault; judgment of \$147.23 for plaintiff.

Canal Street Gravel Road Co. vs. Nicholas Pass, assumpsit; proceedings stayed twenty days.

John Nardin et al. vs. William Clark; on trial.

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Estate of Andrew Jackson, deceased; inventory filed; license to sell personal property granted.

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